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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Fellow Team Members,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you celebrated the start of 2016 in good spirits with family and friends. Now that we're a few days into the New Year, it's good to evaluate ourselves, set goals and think about what opportunities and challenges this year may bring us.

I encourage each of you to look inside yourself daily as you pull up to the center and ask yourself the following:

- ◆ Is this going to be the day that I truly engage with students and get to know them?
- ◆ How can I make a positive lasting impact on a student today?
- ◆ What can I do to inspire students in reaching their goals?



Our students are continuously observing us and looking to us each day to set standards. So ask yourself, if you are setting the standards as a professional role model and holding students accountable to Career Success standards?

This year let's strive to strengthen our teamwork efforts while increasing inter-departmental collaboration to better service our students. In addition to that, let us begin to value not only the outcomes of our own departments, but also the effectiveness of the center as a whole. Author, John Maxwell titled one of his books, *Teamwork Makes the Dream Work*. With this in mind, let us work collectively in bridging every department across the entire center. In doing so, we can better serve our students, as well as, make the DREAMS of our students come to fruition.

Everyone is encouraged to begin, or increase their participation in community service, not just for the betterment of CJCC, but for the community as a whole. This models social responsibility and instills the value and importance of citizenship to our students.

In everything you do this year ask yourself the following questions:

- ◆ Am **I** putting our students first?
- ◆ Am **I** making a positive impact in the lives of our students?
- ◆ Am **I** a team player?
- ◆ Are **YOU** demonstrating professionalism and community service?
- ◆ Are **YOU** mentoring, modeling, and monitoring the standards students need to not only obtain a job, but to keep a career?

We must always keep in mind that our sole purpose as employees of CJCC is to change lives and build futures, let's get to it! So, as we reminisce on the journey we've traveled to get to where we are let us collectively plan for an exciting and a vigorous year in 2016.

**Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model.**

~ A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



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## BLASTING TOWARD SUCCESS

"My life has been a rocket, blasting toward success," exclaimed Markeda Carter. After completing the Nurse Aide and Medical Assistant trades at the Cleveland Job Corps Center, Carter began an exciting new journey with AmeriCorps NCCC on October 7, 2015. "I have traveled to more cities and states in the past six months than I have in my whole life", confirmed Carter. She has traveled to New Mexico, Oklahoma City, OK; Denver, Colorado; Golden, Colorado; Fort Worth, Texas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Salina, Kansas, and is currently in Granbury, Texas. She will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri next.



LITTLE ROCK, AK MAYOR MARK STODOLA  
& AMERICORPS TEAM MEMBERS

In Little Rock, AK, Carter and her team taught nutritional classes to students from nine different elementary schools through an initiative to promote healthy eating and prevent childhood obesity. They also built garden houses and garden beds, in addition to showing the elementary students how to grow fruits and vegetables. **Her team was presented an Honorable Citizen's award by Mayor Mark Stodola of Little Rock, AR for their service and dedication.** During the holiday season, Carter and her team were in Salina, Kansas working at a homeless shelter and a women's shelter. They served daily meals and assisted the clients with their everyday

needs. The team sorted toys so the families could come and Christmas shop for their children. "Seeing the appreciation and gratitude from the families gave me a wonderful feeling inside knowing I was making a difference," said Carter. Carter is currently in Granbury, Texas working with Camp El Tabor, rebuilding camp grounds for children with disabilities. The team is trail building, remodeling camp cabins and performing safety checks and correcting any needed repairs of the entire camp for the kids that will be attending this summer. "Next, I'll be in St. Louis, Missouri building homes for low income families. This will be a very special and emotional project for me," voiced Carter. "Coming from a low income family and now having the opportunity to build a home for low income family is going to be the most rewarding experience, I think." AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), an independent federal agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster (continued on next page)...



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civic engagement through service and volunteering, according to the CNCS website. AmeriCorps helped Carter expand the career success stands and training she received from the CJCC. Her service with AmeriCorps has exposed her to working and residing in close quarters with people from all walks of life. It has aided in her personal growth and taught Carter how to work within a team. The skills and real world experience Carter has learned from both organizations will definitely benefit her in the future. "I look forward to accomplishing much more as time progresses," communicated Carter.



Since Carter's enrollment in AmeriCorps there has been a spike in the amount of students signing up for the program. Much of this new activity can be attributed to Carter keeping in touch with her fellow CJCC peers and staff, allowing them to join in the adventure with her. Likewise, sudden rise is also due to the added effort and push from CJCC Career Transition Readiness (CTR) Specialist, Denneth Campbell. At present, CJCC has six students approved and awaiting departure dates to attend AmeriCorps, one student application completed, and thirteen students interested in completing the AmeriCorps paper work.

### Y2Y LISTENING & LEARNING SESSIONS



The Cleveland Job Corps Center (CJCC) was among three Job Corps (JC) centers from the Chicago region invited by the Job Corps National Office to attend a Youth 2 Youth (Y2Y) Listening & Learning Session in Washington, D.C., on January 20 and 21. CJCC was represented by Medical Assistant & Medical Office Support student Diamond Kalber, Medical Office Support student Erielle Minor, accompanied by Social Development Director, Woody Allen.

The Listening & Learning Sessions were held at the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building and hosted by the JC National Director Lenita Jacobs-Simmons. The sessions provided student ambassadors the opportunity to update the National Director on how the centers were doing since the launch of the spring 2015 Y2Y initiative. The aim of the sessions are an avenue for student ambassadors to acquire viable resources and return to the center to supplement the Y2Y mission on center, and in the community. JC students and staff representatives from each of the centers communicated the positive effects they experienced on their centers as a result of the 2015 Y2Y initiative. Likewise, center representatives shared ideas and best practices on ending violence between each other.



EVERY MORNING  
YOU HAVE TWO  
CHOICES: CONTINUE  
TO SLEEP WITH  
YOUR DREAMS,  
OR WAKE UP AND  
CHASE THEM.



Keep GOD 1<sup>st</sup> in ALL that you do!  
~ Vanessa Bloome

Form good relations with staff,  
because they are here to help you,  
and as Mr. Houston ALWAYS  
says...BEGIN WITH THE END  
IN MIND! ~ Maurice Bloome

## MAKING THE GRADE



Cleveland Job Corps Center (CJCC) siblings, Maurice and Vanessa Bloome are rising stars. The Bloome siblings both graduated from Euclid High School with honors, and are the children of Veda Hunter of Euclid, Ohio. Twenty-four year old Maurice who has a 4.0 GPA, and his twenty-two year old sister Vanessa who has a 3.48 GPA are making the grade at Cuyahoga Community College (TRI-C). Enrolling in CJCC in a week of each other, these two siblings have been excelling in their endeavors ever since.

Job Corp (JC) alumni Maurice graduated from CJCC in 2011, with his Computer Repair Technology certification. Although he had obtained a great deal of knowledge from his first stint in the JC program, Maurice has aspirations of one day owning his own universal maintenance repair company, so he decided to re-enroll in JC. Maurice returned to the CJCC on May 27, 2014, and quickly completed both the carpentry and facility maintenance trades and is now enrolled in TRI-C's Workforce & Economic Development Division (WEDD) program in partnership with CJCC's Advance Career Training (ACT) program, majoring in Integrated Systems Engineer Technology. Maurice is expected to complete his certification for WEDD in December of 2016.

Wanting to branch out and try something new, Vanessa joined her brother Maurice and the CJCC family on June 3, 2014. Determined to go to the next level, Vanessa swiftly worked through the Sign & Display trade and finished it on December 16, 2014. Vanessa also signed up for CJCC's Advance Career Training (ACT) program, and began attending TRI-C in the spring of 2015 where she is majoring in Small Business Management. She is expected to receive an Associates of Applied Business (AAB) degree in December 2016. She is also expected to receive an Associates of Applied Business (AAB) degree in December 2016.



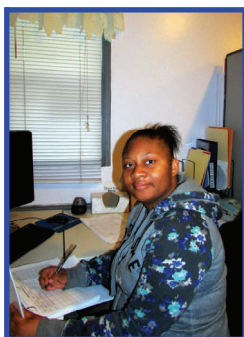
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## WORK BASED LEARNING



On May 12, 2015, a very determined and enthusiastic twenty-three year old, Myleka Franklin enrolled in Cleveland Job Corps Center (CJCC). While here, Franklin has obtained her High School Diploma and obtained a Medical Administrative Assistant Certification. Subsequent to her academic success, she began her internship with Rogers Home Health Care on October 6, 2015. There is much to be said about Franklin's exemplary work ethic and dedication to her family, the Career Success Standards, WBL, and CJCC collectively. It is

noteworthy to mention that Franklin, a non-residential mother of two children had to catch three buses to transport her children to daycare and report to Rogers on time. In learning of her aspiration of going to the Navy, Rogers offered her a job. "Myleka is an asset to my organization. She has come in and restructured the entire office. We are doing all that we can to convince her to stay. However, we want what is best for Myleka. She always has employment with Rogers," expressed Rogers CEO, Valdia Burns.



**Staff of the Month**

Annette Davis  
Career Counselor



I nominate Anette Rudolph-Davis for dedication to the goal of the center. She continues to be of assistance to all staff and always has an answer to any question you ask her. She does not have a problem with showing someone the correct way or procedure.

Mrs. Davis has been the epitome of professionalism, representing the counseling profession well. Each day, you continue to share ideas and provide innovative ways to help the department and the center. You garner respect from colleagues, students and administrators because of your willingness to do anything to help the JC family. The words best used to describe you are positive, dedicated, and professional. You truly exemplify "Students First...People Always." the guiding principle of our center. Thank you, Mrs. Davis for who you are and all you are doing for students, staff, parents and the community.



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**SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH**

**Name:** LeAndra Cruzado

**Age:** 23

**Center:** Cleveland Job Corps Center (CJCC)

**Region:** Chicago

**Hometown:** Dayton, OH

**Career Area:** Medical Office Support

**Dates in Job Corps:** February 2016 - Present

**Advanced Training:** Human Service Worker -  
Gadsden, AL



LeAndra came to the CJCC on February 2, 2015 and chose Medical Office Support (MOS) as her trade where she quickly excelled. While still enrolled in MOS, LeAndra was employed on center through Worked Based Learning (WBL) as secretary in the Maintenance Department. After completing MOS, LeAndra applied for CJCC's Advanced Career Training (ACT) program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and began college classes in the fall of 2015. While attending Tri-C, LeAndra heard about the Advanced Training opportunities that Job Corps offered and began researching them. She found a program at the Gadsden Job Corps Center for Human Service Worker and applied. LeAndra was accepted to the Gadsden Advance Training program on January 19, 2016. LeAndra will begin her new exciting field of training on January 29, 2016. *"LeAndra has been a positive role model and great student during her time at CJCC. She has worked as my assistant for the past couple of months and she will be greatly missed. I wish her nothing but the best,"* expressed CJCC Medical Office Instructor Charmayne R. Johnson, LPN.



**Name:** LeeEster Seals

**Age:** 21

**Center:** Cleveland Job Corps Center

**Region:** Philadelphia

**Hometown:** Kalamazoo, MI

**Career Area:** Pharmacy Technician

**Dates in Job Corps:** 2015 - Present

**Advance Training:** Transportation Communications  
Union/International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (TCU/IAM) starts February 2016

Kalamazoo, Michigan native LeeEster Seals wasted no time obtaining her High School Diploma and completing the Pharmacy Technician trade. Leaving her family of six, Seals arrived at the Cleveland Job Corps Center on June 21, 2015. She is currently working at Walgreens as an intern to acquire her Work Based Learning (WBL) hours. Seals is scheduled to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) on February 5, 2016 to become a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT). Seals will be arriving at the Atlanta Job Corps Center in February for the TCU/IAM Advanced Training Program to begin a new chapter in her life in the airline industry. *"My advice to my fellow Job Corps peers is to stay focused and stay away from unconstructiveness,"* voiced Seals.

## SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH



## GETTING TO KNOW JAMEKA BLOOM

Nursing Assistant Instructor Jameka Bloom joined the Cleveland Job Corps Center family in December 2012. The native Ohioan grew up in Euclid and is the youngest of her parent's seven children (all girls). Bloom knew early on that she either wanted to be a nurse or work in the fashion industry. So after graduating from Euclid High

School, Bloom attended Bauder Fashion College in Atlanta, Georgia where she majored in Fashion Design. Although she enjoyed fashion, the business was difficult to break into and she kept feelings that she needed more and that something was missing. Looking to medicine, Bloom became a State Tested Nurse Assistant (STNA). Bloom worked at Richmond Heights Hospital in the Cardiac Step Down Unit for 3 years, and also at Lake West Hospital in the Oncology floor caring for patients diagnosed with cancer. After years of being strongly encouraged by nurses, patients and physicians to pursue a nursing degree, Bloom enrolled in Ambition to Succeed Technologies in 2010. "There were moments in my life when I entertained the thought of becoming a teacher, so in the winter of 2012, when I learned of the STNA Instructing position at CJCC, I immediately felt as if I was being granted the best of both worlds," exclaimed Bloom.

Described by many as having a bubbly personality, Bloom has no problem getting students acclimated to her classroom schedule and expectations. Bloom makes it her business to ensure that her students leave with adequate training as well as always a way to keep in contact with her. She has created a classroom Facebook page with all her students, to promote job opportunities, to be a listening ear, or if they are in need of assistance. Ms. Bloom has been a great asset to the Health trade and her passion for nursing is something that she tries to instill in every student that comes into her trade. **"Bloom takes pride in ensuring the students that come into the CNA class have a passion for working with people,"** complimented Health Cluster Manager Kylene Jennings.

Italian is her favorite cuisine and she considers herself to be a pretty good cook. She still dabbles in fashion, mainly in regards to interior decorating, but also as a stylist and is the mother of a gorgeous thirteen year old son. This former Euclid High School drill team captain and Flag Corps member has accomplished all of her childhood dreams. Her latest ambition is to someday own and operate a group home for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) residents.

## ALLIED HEALTH COMPLETERS &amp; CERTIFICATIONS

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Ronnika Drane

## MEDICAL OFFICE SUPPORT

Reymone Keith

Christina Owens

Sharon Kwon

## STATE TESTED NURSING ASSISTANT

Shawna Rios

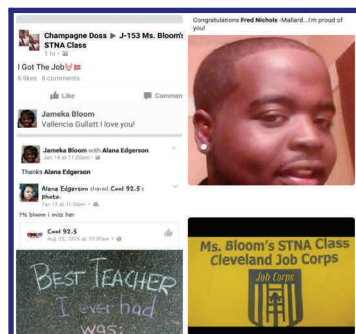
## CERTIFICATIONS

Shy'manny Allen

Certified Medical Admin Asst.

Desiree Camp-Torrence

Certified Medical Admin Asst.



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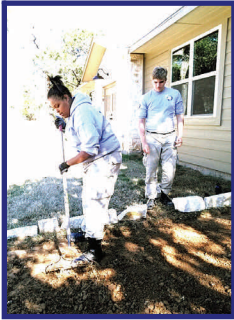
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## SPOTLIGHT ON CONSTRUCTION



**Name:** Patrick Shaw

**Age:** 21

**Center:** Cleveland Job Corps Center

**Region:** Philadelphia

**Hometown:** Canton, OH

**Career Area:** Bricklaying

**Dates in Job Corps:** 2014 - Present

**Employer:** Cleveland Marble

**Position:** Bricklayer Apprentice



Patrick Shaw came to the Cleveland Job Corps Center (CJCC) in June of 2014. He graduated from Jackson High School in 2013. After graduation, Shaw worked part-time at a pizza shop until he came to the realization that this would not provide him the career growth he was looking for. He wanted to be able to support himself in a career that would provide growth, and earn a wage that would provide him a comfortable lifestyle. One of Shaw's goals it to one day own a home. With his mother working full time, Shaw wasn't able to practice driving as much as he wanted and was unable to obtain his license. Shaw felt that he would need a driver's license to secure a good job.

Shaw heard from a friend, that Job Corps is a great place to acquire the things he was looking for. With a passion for building and engineering, Shaw knew instantly that the construction training program was the one for him. After exploring each of the construction trades, Shaw settled on the bricklaying class as he saw it as a form of "old art" and was interested in putting his creativity to work while gaining knowledge. While in training, Shaw really enjoyed the comradery of his fellow peers and instructor, "I came to see them as family" said Shaw. After Shaw finished the bricklaying trade, he enroll in a Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Welding course through Job Corps. Patrick had some exposure to welding in high school and felt that a welding certification would increase his chances of obtaining gainful employment. Patrick is very proud of the numerous certifications he has earned on center, not to mention receiving his driver's license.

This busy and very driven young man, gained employment with Cleveland Marble on January 25, 2016 cutting brick pavers for a paver project in Cleveland's Public Square. While working, Patrick plan to taking night classes at Tri-C to obtain a welding certification. After Job Corps, Patrick plans to continue to work and pursue a business management degree, in the hopes of owning a company one day. Patrick always lives by the adage that, **"No matter how many times you fall down, as long as you pick yourself back up again, you will always end up a winner in the end."** He hopes that this message will help others attain the strength that he learned, so that they can make their dreams come true as well. Patrick is in high demand with several employers reaching out to him.



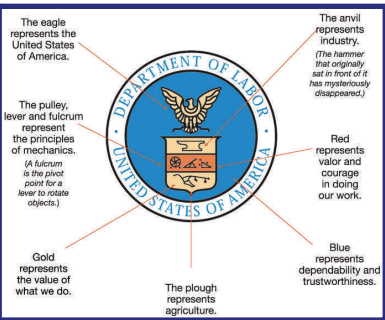
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## SPOTLIGHT ON CONSTRUCTION



## CHICAGO REGION BANNER

This month the Cleveland Job Corps Center's (CJCC) Sign and Display students have been hard at work crafting a banner for the Department of Labor Job Corps Chicago Regional Office. Knowledgeable that CJCC possessed a one-of-a-kind IUPAT Sign, Billboard and Display training program, Regional Director, Thony Martino wanted to put their skills to use. Martino

requested that the trade fabricate a banner for the Chicago Regional Office representing Job Corps, the Department of Labor, and all of the Job Corps Centers in the Chicago Region.

The students mapped out all of the components for the sign on their Gerber 5.0 software, printed, pounced, weeded and applied the printed vinyl letters to the banner material. The project helped students exercise many math skills to make ensure that the plan, which was drawn on a much smaller scale, would properly translate to the size of the banner and maintain the integrity of the design. In addition to that, students learned about centering graphics in the middle of the case where they applied one graphic with a straight edge, and one with a round edge. Furthermore, in performing this assignment the students were able to study the symbolism of the Department of Labor seal. Within the Department of Labor seal: the eagle represents the United States of America; the anvil represents industry; the pulley, lever and fulcrum represent the principles of mechanics; the plough represents agriculture; the color red represents valor and courage in doing our work; the color blue represents dependability and trustworthiness; the color gold represents the value of what we do.

## CONSTRUCTION COMPLETERS &amp; CERTIFICATIONS

**COMPLETERS****Building Construction Tech**

Brandon Dobias  
Anthony Sullivan  
Jaccarri Webb  
Tarhonbaye Brock  
Isaiah Taylor  
**Bricklaying**  
Thomas Black  
**Sign and Display**  
Tarik Abdul Rahman  
Alexander Washington  
Stephen Wolfe  
Dontez Hicks

**CERTIFICATIONS****Home Builders Institute (HBI)**

Brandon Dobias – HBI Pre Apprentice Cert  
Anthony Sullivan – HBI Pre Apprentice Cert  
Jaccarri Webb – HBI Pre Apprentice Cert  
Tarhonbaye Brock – HBI Pre Apprentice Cert  
Isaiah Taylor – HBI Pre Apprentice Cert

**International Masonry Institute (IMI)**

Thomas Black – IMI Pre Apprentice Cert  
*International Union of Painters & Allied Trades (IUPAT)*  
Tarik Abdul Rahman – IUPAT Pre Apprentice Cert  
Alexander Washington – IUPAT Pre Apprentice Cert

Stephen Wolfe – IUPAT Pre Apprentice Cert  
Dontez Hicks – IUPAT Pre Apprentice Cert  
**National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)**  
**Core Curriculum**  
Javonte McCoy  
Sonjanae Freeman  
William Edmonds  
Rynell Roper  
Zion Sullivan  
Brian Gaston  
Dquan Gaddy  
Jamal Fuller  
Jaquise Turner  
Deandre Jackson  
Damean Giguere  
Tyrez Bowden

**International Masonry Institute (IMI) Masonry Power Tool User**

Irakoze Abudu  
**OSHA 10**  
Marian Gbaya  
Hasanni Mann  
Freddie Nieves  
Kahlil Owens  
Robert Redmond  
Robert Bagley  
Daylon Ford  
Deshawn Ray  
Jeremiah Freeman  
Montel Traylor  
Thomas Black  
Dezmond Davis  
Eric Green  
Toni Hill

Tommie Larry  
Quatika McCane  
David McElrath  
Aaron Moore  
Allen Thompson  
Vincent Tillotson  
**Green Building Awareness**

Sonjanae Freeman  
Hasanni Mann  
Ericka Blalock  
Brandon Robinson  
Damean Giguere  
Tyrez Bowden  
Deandre Jackson  
Daylon Ford  
Tyres Gardyszewski  
Tyre Moffitt  
Robert Redmond  
Geordon White  
Vincent Tillotson  
Allen Thompson  
Aaron Moore  
David McElrath  
Quatika McCane  
Tommie Larry  
Toni Hill  
Eric Green  
Dezmond Davis  
Thomas Black  
**Scaffold User**  
Vincent Tillotson  
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Irakoze Abudu  
Montel Traylor



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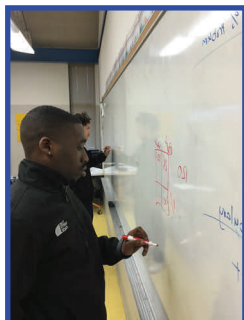
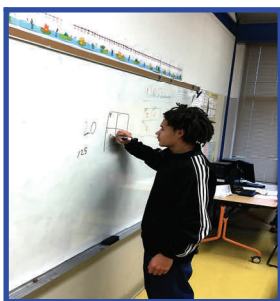
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## SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS



## TABED-OUT!

When students are told that they will be enrolled in the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) classes, they may feel at bit uneasy; this is particularly true for the Math TABE class. The Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) is a diagnostic test used to effectively assess the skill levels, aptitude and knowledge of adult learners. The test is comprised of basics of reading, English and math.



Pierre Kinloch wasted no time expressing his discontent. He frequently displayed and expressed that he didn't want anything to do with Math. However, Pierre began noticing that several of his friends were TABE-ing out of math, this epiphany caused Pierre to make it his mission to TABE out of math too. Pierre began putting forth the effort in the classroom, in addition to staying after school for tutoring. After a few months of studying, applying himself and testing a few more times, Pierre came back from Thanksgiving break and said "I'm getting out of your class, today" to CJCC Math Instructor, Wazirah Moore. She replied, "I hope so." Then she filled out the necessary paper work, gave him a hug and said "I love you" and sent him to the testing room. Anxiously, Moore began stalking the computer after an hour and 15 minutes had passed. There it was, the moment they had been waiting for... Pierre had TABE-ed out. Pierre returned to Moore's room and before he could say anything Moore quickly hugged him and acknowledged, "Congrats, I already know." Pierre smiled and replied, "Thank you."

Pierre was enrolled in math TABE classes for approximately three months, on December 1, 2015 he achieved the highest grade level of 12.9 and had an overall TABE gain of 5.8. Now, Peirre can be seen walking around campus smiling and telling his friends when asked, **"Yeah I TABE-ed out of math and you can too!"**

For every one of us that succeeds, it's because there's somebody there to show you the way out. The light doesn't always necessarily have to be in your family; for me it was teachers and school.

~Oprah Winfrey

## ACADEMICS

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Clifton Bandy  
William Edmonds  
Emani Jones  
Attila Pest  
Shawna Rios  
Keyaira Sutton  
Montel Traylor  
Briana Wilkinson  
Desiree Young

## TABE

Havelyn Bowens	Math
Jacob Buckley	Reading
Kashe Chandler	Reading
Nichelle Fluellen	Reading
Wayne Hinkle	Reading
Pierre Kinloch	Reading
Steven Radcliff	Math
Stephen Wolfe	Math
Titilayo Fowora	Math
Alexis Martin	Reading
Leah Kentzel	Reading



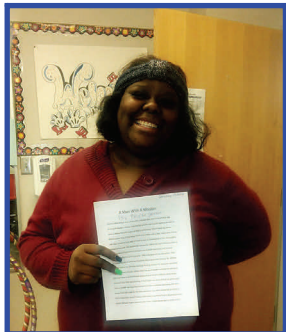
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## *The Word on the Street...!*

In celebration of Martin Luther King Day, the Cleveland Job Corps Center's (CJCC) Leisure Time Learning program held a MLK Essay contest. CJCC students were asked to compose an essay using personal ideas or experiences to build on the topic of leadership, and show an appreciation of Dr. King's ideas on leadership. Medical Assistant student, Bria Jackson is the winner of the CJCC 2016 MLK Essay contest. "When I hear the word LEADER, I envision an individual that is positive and determined," explained Bria Jackson. "Someone that has the ability to adapt to any situation and come out standing." Dr. King's quote; "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education," reminds Bria of "education isn't always about books," a remark by CJCC Center Director, Mr. William Houston at the CJCC Monday morning meeting on January 11th, 2016.

~Essay Excerpt



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